

## PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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*Awards/Recognitions:*

1. **Dr T N Khoshoo Memorial Medal** (The Orchid Society of India, Chandigarh - 2008).
2. **Dr B. P. Pal National Environment Fellowship Award** for Biodiversity (2003), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India (2005-2007)
3. **Dr. V. V. Sivarajan Gold Medal** (Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy, Calicut – 2006)